GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:290
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2001
ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS UNDER PDS
PALANIYAPPA GOUNDER KUMARASAMY

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) on the basis of population projection of which year essential commodities are allocated to States for Public Distribution;

(b) whether the Government propose to revise the allocation on the basis of the latest census; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a),(b)&(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b)&(c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 290 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 10-08-2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a),(b)&(c): The allocation of foodgrains for families below the poverty line (BPL) underthe Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is being made on the basis of the povertyestimates of the Planning Commission based on the methodology of the Expert Group on estimation of proportion and number of poor and taking into account the population projections of the Registrar General as on 1.3.2000. The allocation of foodgrains for families above the poverty line (APL) under TPDS is transitory. At the time of introduction of TPDS in June, 1997, theallocation of foodgrains for APL families in a State/UT was fixed on the basis of the average annual lifting of foodgrains during the past 10 years minus the allocation for BPL families@10 kg. per family per month. The allocation for APL families is being maintained at the same level.

There is no proposal under Government`s consideration at present to revise the basis of allocation for BPL & APL families.